

REMARKS

Claims 34-39 and 50-58 are presently pending and under consideration in the above-captioned application.

Allowable Claims

Applicant gratefully notes that the Examiner has deemed claims 34-39 and 50-57 to be allowable. Only claim 58 stands rejected and this claim should now be allowable as set forth below.

Summary of Telephone Interview with the Examiner

Applicant appreciates the courtesy shown his representative, Thomas Sossong, during the telephone conversation with the Examiner on March 5, 2004. In that conversation, the outstanding Double Patenting rejection of claim 58 was discussed. As Applicant understands the substance of this telephone interview, it is the Examiner's view that, because claims 34-39 and 50-57 are allowable and there are no other outstanding matters, a Terminal Disclaimer filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) will overcome the outstanding Double Patenting rejection of claim 58 and put the claim in condition for allowance. Thus, following the filing of a Terminal Disclaimer, it is Applicant's understanding that this application will be allowable.

Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner has rejected claim 58 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Specifically, it is the Examiner's view that claim 58 is not patentably distinct from claim 2, subpart (d), of U.S. Patent No. 5,705,367 of Gotschlich.

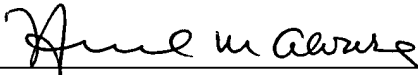
Applicant understands that a timely filed Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.321(c) may be used to overcome such a non-statutory type of double patenting rejection. Accordingly, Applicant is herewith filing the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer, thus overcoming the double patenting rejection of claim 58 per the undersigned's understanding of the telephone interview with the Examiner.

Summary

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's rejection has been either overcome or rendered moot, and that each of claims 34-39 and 50-58 is in condition for allowance. Consideration and allowance of each of these claims are respectfully requested at the earliest possible date.

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Enclosures (Terminal Disclaimer; Petition for One-Month Extension of Time)